MESSAGE

FROM THE

President of the United States,

TRANSMITTING SUNDRY

STATEMENTS

RELATIVE TO THE

MINT

OF THE UNITED STATES,

PREPARED BY THE OFFICERS THEREOF.

January 21, 1801,

ORDERED TO LIE ON THE TABLE.

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To the PRESIDENT of the UNITED STATES.

THE Director of the Mint reſpectfully informs the Preſident, that the incloſed abſtract of the coin iſſued from the Mint of the United States, and ſtruck ſince the 31ſt of December laſt, ſhews the amount to be three hundred and ſeventeen thouſand, ſeven hundred and ſixty dollars in gold coins; two hundred and twenty-four thouſand, two hundred and ninety-ſix dollars in ſilver coins; and twenty-nine thouſand, two hundred and ſeventy-nine dollars and forty cents in copper cents and half cents; making up in the whole the quantity of five hundred and ſeventy-one thouſand, three hundred and thirty-five dollars and forty cents.

For the information of government, the Director thinks it expedient to incloſe a ſtatement of the expences and profits of the Mint for the year paſt; which, from a number of concurring circumſtances, has been full as expenſive as may hereafter be expected, extraordinary ſupplies or repairs excepted.

The Director has a peculiar ſatisfaction in informing the Preſident, that there has been received from the teſt bottoms and aſhes, accumulated before his adminiſtration of the Mint, four hundred and twenty-eight dollars and forty-ſeven cents; which repays ſo much of the nine hundred and ſeventy-four dollars heretofore allowed by Congreſs as a deficiency in the former account of bullion; and that there is ſtill a quantity of aſhes remaining to be cleanſed and refined.

The cents iſſued from the Mint, amounting now to the ſum of ſeventy-nine thouſand three hundred and ninety dollars and eighty-two cents, the proclamation required by law ought to be iſſued; by which, all other copper coin will be put out of circulation.

The late act of Congreſs, directing the Mint to remain at Philadelphia, will expire in March next; ſome further legal proviſion will be neceſſary for its continuance here, or removal to the ſeat of government: At all events it will be neceſſary to provide ſome other mode of aſſaying the reſerved pieces, ſet apart by direction of the act of Congreſs of the 2d of April, 1792, and required by that act to be done once in every year, under the inſpection of the Chief Juſtice, the Secretary and Comptroller of the Treaſury, the Secretary for the Department of State, and the Attorney-General, who are required to attend at the Mint for that purpoſe. As it will be impracticable for thoſe officers to leave the ſeat of government, to comply with this part of the law, and the year will expire on the ſecond Monday in February next, the Director reſpectfully ſubmits to the Preſident, the propriety of recommending to Congreſs the neceſſity of a previous proviſion by law to prevent a non-compliance with a poſitive injunction of an act of Congreſs.

The great riſe in the price of copper in Great-Britain has prevented ſo large an importation, and of courſe ſo large an iſſue of cents from the Mint, as would otherwiſe have been done, the public being now tolerably well ſupplied with that ſpecies of ſmall change.

The Director thinks it his duty to inform the Preſident, that having had occaſion during the paſt year to have accurate eſſays made of Spaniſh milled doubloons, it was found that their real value, compared with the ſtandard of the United States, was rather leſs than eighty-five cents the pennyweight; whereas, by the act of Congreſs of the 9th of February, 1793, they are made a legal tender at about eighty-ſeven cents the pennyweight, or in the language of the act "at the rate of one hundred cents for every twenty-ſeven grains and two-fifths of a grain, of the actual weight thereof," which creates a loſs on the

part of the citizens of the United States, of twenty-ſeven dollars and forty-two cents on one thouſand pennyweight. The official certificate of the Aſſayer is incloſed with this report.

All which is reſpectfully ſubmitted to the Preſident.

(Signed) ELIAS BOUDINOT, *Director.*

Mint of the United States,
January 2, 1801.

An Abstract of the Expenditures

of the Mint of the United States, from the 1ſt January, to the 31ſt December, 1800, incluſive.

	Salaries of Officers and Clerks.	*Wages of Laborers.*	*Incidental and contingent expences.*	*Total.*
	Dolls.	*Dolls. Cts.*	*Dolls. Cts.*	*Dolls. Cts.*
Quarter ending March, 1800,	2,650	2,103 37	456 26	5,209 63
— June, -	2,650	1,884 64	446 13	4,980 77
— September,	2,650	1,926 14	518 15	5,094 29
— December,	2,650	1,785 90	1,265 70	5,701 60
	10,600	7,700 5	2,686 24	
Total amount of the expenditures of the Mint, for the year 1800,				20,986 29

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
TREASURER'S-OFFICE, 31*ſt December*, 1800,

FOR BENJAMIN RUSH,
G. EHRENZELLER.

An **Abſtract** of the **Coins** ſtruck at the MINT of the UNITED STATES from the 1ſt of January to the 31ſt of December, 1800.

GOLD COINS.

	Eagles.	*Half Eagles.*	*Dolls. Cts.*	*Total.*
Quarter ending March, - -	- -	430	2,150	
Ditto, June, - -	8,537	- - -	85,370	
Ditto, September, -	11,429	8,955	159,065	
Ditto, December, -	5,999	2,237	71,175	
	25,965	11,622		
Total amount of Gold Coins,				317,760

SILVER COINS.

	Dollars.	*Diſmes.*	*Half Diſmes.*	*Dolls. Cts.*
March, - -	90,700	21,760	24,000	94,076
June, - - -	32,570	- - -	- - -	32,570
September, -	57,000	- - -	- - -	57,000
December, -	40,650	- - -	- - -	40,650
	220,920	21,760	24,000	
Total amount of Silver Coins,				224,296

COPPER COINS.

	Cents.	*Half Cents.*	*Dolls. Cts.*
March, - - - - - -	1,566,000	- - - -	15,660
June, - - - - - -	307,742	20,978	3,182 31
September, - - - -	948,433	24,000	9,604 33
December, - - -	-	166,552	832 76
	2,822,175	211,530	
Total amount of Copper Coins,			29,279 40

Total amount of coins iſſued by the Mint, from January 1, to December 31, 1800, inclusive, 571,335 40

The Director's report of January 3, 1800, certifies the amount of copper coins iſſued from the Mint, from the eſtabliſhment of ſaid inſtitution to ſaid time, - - - Dollars, 50,111 42

Add copper coined in the year 1800, - - - 29,279 40

Total of copper coined at the Mint from the eſtabliſhment of the ſame to December, 1800, - - 79,390 82

For BENJ. RUSH,
G. EHRENZELLER.

MINT *of the* UNITED STATES,
Treaſurer's Office, Dec. 31, 1800.

MINT *of the* UNITED STATES,

5th of 1ſt month, 1800,

AT the requeſt of the Director of the Mint, I do hereby certify, that on carefully aſſaying a number of Spaniſh milled doubloons of different dates and complexions, I found their degree of fineneſs correſponded with each other to great exactneſs; but that their real value in proportion to gold coins of the ſtandard of the United States, was no more than 84 cents and $\frac{424}{500}$ parts of a cent, for one penny weight or 28 grains and $\frac{24256}{84848}$ parts of a grain, to one dollar.

JOSEPH RICHARDSON,
Aſſayer to the Mint of the United States.

STATEMENT of the Gain on Copper coined at the Mint of the United States, from the 1ſt January, to the 31ſt December 1800, inclusive.

Dolls. Cts.		*Dolls.*	*Cts.*	*M.*
2,922 41	—Balance remaining uncoined on the 31ſt December, 1799, being part of the invoice entered 18th July, 1799, amounting to dollars 9,318 75, on which there was a profit of dollars 2,213 42—this ſum will therefore bear a proportion of ſaid profit, amounting to, - - - - - - - - -	694	21	
15,946 66	—Amount of invoice entered 31ſt December, 1799, on which there was a profit, as ſtated in the accounts of the Mint, - - - - - - -	3,139	11	
125	—Amount purchaſed of Jacob Eckfeldt, as entered 6th June, 1800, on which was a profit as appears by the accounts of the Mint, - - - - -	41	67	
10,285 33	—Amount of invoice entered 8th July, 1800, on which there was a profit as appears by the Treaſurer's accounts, - - - - - - -	1,087	29	
	Amount gained in weight of laſt invoice as entered 16th December, 1800, 173 42 5			
	Deduct allowance made the chief coiner for waſtage on copper as entered 19th June, 1800, - - - - - 85 2 0			
		88	40	5
29,279 40	—Amount of copper coined in the year 1800.			
	Total amount of profit on copper coined in the year 1800, at the Mint of the United States,	5,050	68	5
	Retained on depoſits below ſtandard, for refining for the year 1800, - - - - - - -	311	57	

FOR BENJAMIN RUSH,
G. EHRENZELLER.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
31ſt December, 1800.